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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP PGOV EG JA
SUBJECT: FUKUDA ASKS TO MEET WITH SADAT SEPTEMBER 14

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1. JAPANESE MINISTER HATANO INFORMED US AUGUST 17 THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY HERE HAD JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTPONE PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S CAIRO VISIT TO SEPTEMBER 14, ASSUMING THAT SADAT WILL HAVE RETURNED TO EGYPT BY THEN. HATANO SAID THAT JAPANESE RECOGNIZED THERE ONLY A SLIM CHANCE THAT SADAT WOULD HAVE FINISHED NOT ONLY HIS CAMP DAVID DISCUSSIONS, BUT HIS CONTEMPLATED VISITS TO VIENNA AND SALZBURG. NEVERTHELESS, JAPANESE WANTED IT KNOWN THAT FUKUDA WOULD STILL LIKE TO MEET WITH SADAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF FUKUDA'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP IF SADAT HAD RETURNED.

2. HATANO REMARKED THAT THIS REQUEST WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO PRIME MINISTER SALEM LATER TODAY. HE SAID THAT TO JAPAN'S CHAGRIN, SALEM RATHER THAN SADAT WAS THE OFFICIAL HOST FOR THE PROPOSED VISIT, BUT ADDED THAT ON NO ACCOUNT
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WOULD FUKUDA VISIT CAIRO IN THE PRESIDENT'S ABSENCE.

3. WE STRESSED IMPORTANCE THAT U.S. ATTACHES TO DEVELOPMENT OF INCREASINGLY CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND EGYPT, AND SAID WE VERY MUCH HOPED THE FUKUDA-SADAT VISIT WOULD WORK OUT. AT THE SAME TIME, WE STRESSED
- THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE CAMP DAVID NEGOTIA-

TIONS, NOTING THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE NO WAY TO PREDICT
NOW JUST HOW LONG THEY WOULD LAST. EILTS

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